Guidelines for Submitting a Paper for the OCAMPR Conference:

1. Papers can address the Conference theme or another relevant topic in medicine, psychology or religion. All papers must include Orthodox theology and/or praxis as a foundational component.
2. Papers have a 2500-5000 word count and can be read within the 20 minute time limit.
3. Papers must include at least 5 sources in a bibliography or reference section with at least 2 from Orthodox sources.
4. The Chicago Manual of Style Format is the recommended format for a conference paper, and will be required if the paper will also be submitted separately to the OCAMPR Journal. Journal submission guidelines are available online, https://journal.ocampr.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Synergeia-Style-Manual.pdf
5. Paper proposals should be submitted by **May 1, 2026** and submitted on the google form: https://forms.gle/NthSxxDvGtvE9k6y5
6. Presenters must share their CV when submitting their proposal. CV's can be submitted by emailing ocamprconference@gmail.com
7. Presenters will be notified if their paper is accepted, accepted with revision, placed on a waitlist, or not accepted by **June 1, 2026.**
8. Presenters with accepted proposals will be expected to **register by July 3, 2026.** For presenters that do not register by the deadline, we will assume that you no longer wish to present, and we will give your spot to a presenter on the waitlist.
   a. Those with accepted proposals are welcome to register as a "Presenter" for a discounted conference rate. Registrations by the deadline (tbd) also qualify for an early bird discount. Note that scholarships are also available to help cover the costs of conference registration for those with financial need.
9. You **do not** need to submit your full paper in advance of the conference.
10. Papers will be audio recorded. Presenters will indicate their consent to where the recording will be posted when they complete the google submission form for the proposal.

Paper Presentation Logistics at the Conference:

- Papers will be read at the conference by the author within a 20 minute time frame.
- There will be 5 additional minutes for Q&A.
- Please arrive at your presentation room 5 minutes early and please plan to stay in your assigned room for the entire session.
- Papers are presented in groups in an assigned presentation room. The OCAMPR member who introduces the presenters will watch the timing and cue the author for when their presentation needs to wrap up.
- Presenters will read their paper from the podium and take questions afterwards.
- Paper presentations **do not include slides / Powerpoint,** but you may create a handout to distribute to the audience.
- All presentations will be audio recorded.

- The conference schedule will be posted online and emailed to all presenters within 1-2 months prior to the conference. If you have a specific scheduling need, please contact us by July 3, 2026.

Note: After the Conference, papers can be submitted to the OCAMPR Journal. While this is purely optional, we strongly encourage you to do so. These papers must be submitted according to the journal guidelines and will undergo a separate blind peer review process. Thus, it is possible that a paper that is accepted for a conference presentation may not necessarily be accepted for the OCAMPR Journal or may require further editing. Journal submission guidelines are available online, https://journal.ocampr.org/